

House Resolution No. 3987

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives regard highly those Show-Me State residents who have dedicated themselves to a course of action through which they directly contribute to the overall welfare and safety of citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Mark Graves has attained considerable distinction as a firefighter/paramedic with Belton Emergency Services, a vocational endeavor which he began five years ago; and

Whereas, Mark Graves enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishment when he was selected as the 2003 Firefighter of the Year by Belton Emergency Services; and

Whereas, under the guidance of Fire Chief Steven F. Holle, Mark Graves has proven down through the years to be a firefighter/paramedic who takes the initiative to learn a new subject and then teach it to others, accepts leadership roles, and gives extra effort without being prompted; and

Whereas, Mark Graves takes justifiable pride in assisting with the Firefighters Explorer Program which helps younger adults develop an appreciation for the firefighting profession and for helping others in times of need; and

Whereas, Mark Graves also has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for his pleasant personality, enthusiasm, and special abilities in keeping the map books current as new streets are added; and

Whereas, in addition to his stellar professional labors with Belton Emergency Services, Mark Graves helps the Western Cass Fire Protection District with its training activities for firefighters; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Shelley, Mark Graves is the loving father of four children, Taylor, Seth, Morgan, and Parker:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the achievements garnered thus far in his career by Mark Graves and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his well-deserved selection as the 2003 Firefighter of the Year by Belton Emergency Services; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mark Graves of Belton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3987, adopted September 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker